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CERTAIN CERAMIC STATION POST INSULATORS FROM JAPAN

Investigation No. 731-TA-1023 (Preliminary)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this investigation in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this investigation may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this investigation or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

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The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours

_____ dollars

OPERATIONS IN JAPAN

1. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of certain ceramic station post insulators produced by your firm in Japan on page 5.
2. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of certain ceramic station post insulators?

_____ Percent

3. Does your firm produce products other than certain ceramic station post insulators on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of certain ceramic station post insulators?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please list these product(s) and provide the share of your firm's total net sales (in percent) accounted for by these product(s) in its most recent fiscal year.

Product(s)

Share of sales

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of certain ceramic station post insulators in Japan?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved.

OPERATIONS IN JAPAN--Continued

5. Is the certain ceramic station post insulators exported by your firm subject to antidumping findings or remedies in any WTO-member countries?

☐ No ☐ Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies.

<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
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OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. Please provide the names and addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's certain ceramic station post insulators in **2001**.

2. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce certain ceramic station post insulators in the United States?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Fred Fischer (+202-205-3179 or ffischer@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES—Continued

3. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import certain ceramic station post insulators into the United States?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Fred Fischer (+202-205-3179 or ffischer@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

4. Has your firm maintained any inventories of certain ceramic station post insulators in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions 1, 2, or 3 above¹) since **1999**?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Report the quantity (in units) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2002</u>
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5. Does your firm sell certain ceramic station post insulators over the internet?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of certain ceramic station post insulators in 2001 accounted for by internet sales.

6. Is the demand for high voltage ceramic station post insulators in the U.S. market cyclical?

☐ No ☐ Yes--If so, please discuss the causes of the cycles, and the length of the cycles. Have these cycles affected your exports of the subject merchandise? If so, please describe how it has affected them.

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

**Production Capacity, Production, Shipments, and Inventories of
Certain Ceramic Station Post Insulators Produced by Your Firm in Japan**

(Quantity in units)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	1999	2000	2001	Jan.-Sept.		2002	2003
				2001	2002		
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES²							
PRODUCTION³							
SHIPMENTS:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States⁴							
All other export markets⁵							
Total exports							
Total shipments							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES							
<p>¹ Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity:</p> <hr/>							
<p>² <u>Reconciliation of data</u>--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____</p> <hr/>							
<p>³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of certain ceramic station post insulators in Japan accounted for by your firm's production in 2001.</p> <p align="right">_____ Percent</p>							
<p>⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of certain ceramic station post insulators from Japan accounted for by your firm's exports in 2001.</p> <p align="right">_____ Percent</p>							
<p>⁵ Identify principal <i>other</i> export markets. _____</p> <hr/>							